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Mr. Grote Reber
CSIRO
Stowel Avenue
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Tasmania, Australia

Dear Mr. Reber:

We are publishing a children's encyclopedia for use in homes and schools that consists exclusively of biographies. It is entitled People Who Made America.

Because of your interesting pioneering work in the field of radio astronomy, you have been selected to appear as an entry in this work. It is difficult, however, to find any material on your career since the initial work in your back yard. We have a fact or two about your work in Virginia and a mere mention of your having been in Delaware, Ohio, presumably at the radio telescope there. But that is about all.

Do you chance to have a curriculum vita that would give us some information on your career since your days in Wheaton? Or could you refer us to some write-up that goes into your later work. It would be helpful to have more than a mere sketch of when and where plus job titles because we are interested in the nature and significance of the work more than in dry facts.

It is true that the biography will be very short—only 20 lines. But we would like to have enough background material to be able to select and see the whole pattern of your contribution before making the selections. Usually a couple pages of material gives the picture.

Please be assured that I will be grateful for any help that you can render—and please do not hesitate to make objective statements even if they seem to be boastful.

Cordially yours,

Lawrence H. Starkey
Copy Editor